



Case No. 4365D4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 1614  
Menchen et al. )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, applicants respectfully request to amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.